

BEST UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ELSA GULINO, MAYLING RALPH, PETER WILDS,
and NIA GREENE, on behalf of themselves and all others
similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

- against -

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Defendant.

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: 96 Civ. 8414 (KMW)

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: ~~**PROPOSED**~~

: **JUDGMENT**

: **FOR**

: **VENETIA BEST**

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WHEREAS, the Court certified a remedy-phase class of Plaintiffs (*See Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, No. 96-cv-8414, [ECF No. 386]), and Venetia Best (“Claimant”) is a member of that class;

WHEREAS, the Court appointed a Special Master (*See* May 20, 2014 Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 435]; November 12, 2014 Second Amended Order of Appointment, [ECF No. 524]) to hear, among other things, demands for damages;

WHEREAS, the Special Master made, and the Court adopted, Classwide Conclusions of Law, [ECF Nos. 999, 1008];

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York (“BOE”) and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Stipulation of Classwide Facts & Procedures, [ECF No. 1009];

WHEREAS, the BOE and Plaintiffs entered into, and the Court so ordered, a Fifth Supplemental Stipulation Concerning Admissibility of Exhibits, which attached a Fifth Supplemental Index of Exhibits (collectively referred to as the “Classwide Exhibits”) filed with the Court, [ECF No. 5942];

WHEREAS, Plaintiffs and the BOE executed a Fourth Stipulation Regarding Expedited Class Members dated November 18, 2020, and have prepared the annexed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Venetia Best, which the Special Master recommends that the Court adopt;

WHEREAS, the Special Master recommended, and the parties agreed with the Special Master’s recommendation, that the Court certify this judgment as final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the annexed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for Venetia Best (Exhibit 1) is adopted;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Venetia Best will have judgment against the BOE as follows:

1. LAST Fees in the amount of \$370;
2. Pre-judgment interest calculated to be \$177; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Court adopts the Special Master's recommendation that this judgment be certified as final and appealable pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b) and expressly determines that there is no just reason for delay for the reasons stated in the Special Master's Report and Recommendation.

This Judgment Entry is certified and entered by the Court pursuant to Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: 1/13/21 ENTERED

/s/ Kimba M. Wood

Exhibit 1

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: **FINDINGS OF FACT**

: **AND CONCLUSIONS**

: **OF LAW FOR**

: **VENETIA BEST**

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1. Pursuant to the Fourth Stipulation Regarding Expedited Class Members entered into by the parties on November 18, 2020, and the parties' Fourth Stipulation Regarding Expedited Hearing Process, dated September 9, 2020, the Special Master recommends the following;
2. Venetia Best is a member of the Plaintiff class in this action, and is entitled to monetary and injunctive relief from Defendant, the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of New York ("BOE"), as compensation for the injuries she suffered as a result of what the Court found to be the BOE's discrimination;¹ and
3. The Special Master rules, and the parties do not contest the Special Master's ruling, that based on the evidence presented, and the Special Master's prior rulings in this action, which have been affirmed by the Court, Venetia Best has satisfied her burden of establishing her entitlement to the following monetary relief:
 - a. \$370 to compensate her for the fees she paid to take the Liberal Arts and Sciences Test;
 - b. Pre-judgment interest in the amount of \$177.

DATED: December 21, 2020

¹ See *Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, 1:96-cv-08414, [ECF No. 321]; *Gulino v. Bd. of Educ. of the City Sch. Dist. of the City of N.Y.*, Opinion and Order, 1:96-cv-08414, [ECF No. 386].